

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 3, 2019

The Warren County Commissioners were sworn in by Michelle Hetrick, Clerk for their first meeting for the month of May 2019. Present for the meeting were Clay Andrews, Brian Jordan, Adam Hanthorne and Jud Barce and Mallory, County Attorney. Also, in attendance were Charity Shettle, Steve Eberly, Dave Eberhardt, Rusty Hart, John Kuiper, Phil Astell, Jenny Hobaugh, Matt Herndon.

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan, President of the Commissioners.
2. Brian Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Brian Jordan added ADA consulting contract, Vacating of 450 W Rd to the agenda. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the additions to the agenda with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - b. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the May 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - c. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the May 20, 2019 through June 3, 2019 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - d. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the May 24, 2019 Payroll Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway Department – Matt Herndon, Highway Department Superintendent, stated that the weather has made it very difficult to get work done, but he is hoping to grade roads Friday of this week as it is supposed to rain most of the following week. Herndon explained that checks from the crane company that had damaged a road as well as insurance company for accident damage by St Line was received. Clay Andrews stated that he had a call from the Willow Dairy stating concern with road repair close to the Dairy. Herndon stated that he has repaired the area. Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Office Manager resubmitted the road assessment to LTAP for Community Crossing Grant as the unincorporated town might be added. There will be a special meeting with the Commissioners and highway to discuss the 2020 Community Crossings Grant items for submission on June 6th. Herndon stated the sign on Washington St has been placed for bridge closures. Clay Andrews inquired about responsibility for maintaining a portion of 100N north of SR 28 if it is maintained by the County or Illinois. Andrews stated that this area of the road needs work. Hobaugh will contact Ross Township to discuss the repair. Herndon stated he will have the signs placed in Tab soon.
 - f. Vacating of Street in Hedrick - John Kuiper, Zoning discussed the vacating of a street in Hedrick that Sam New inquired about. Kuiper stated that a neighbor has an issue with closing of the street as this will restrict access to her garage. Jud Barce, County Attorney will send the information to Mr. Sam New.
 - g. Dave Eberhardt, Boulevard Road Paving – Eberhardt is requesting the option to personally pay for paving 0.08 of a mile of asphalt from Boulevard Rd to his business. Eberhardt explained he has a commercial business and the gravel is being ground down by truck traffic. The winter weather also creates issues with the gravel especially on the hills. Eberhardt stated they currently plow the road in the winter as well as salt and sand on the hills. Eberhardt offered to pay for the paving and the County would then maintain the asphalt. He would rather asphalt than chip and seal due to the semi and farmer traffic. Ditching will also need to be done. Jordan stated that this will be discussed at the working meeting on Thursday and a decision will be announced at the June 17th meeting. Eberhardt inquired as to why there is hesitation. Herndon stated that if we allow this, then others will want to do the same and the cost to maintain will need to be explored. Eberhardt explained his position and reason for wanting to pay for this. Jordan stated he will get specs and dollar amount to Eberhardt after the working meeting. Eberhardt stated he understands that the gas tax pays for road and his company uses a lot of fuel. Herndon stated that 1 mile of overlay is approximately \$200,000 at 3" depth. Steve Eberly, Director of LEDO stated the significance of having a multimillion-dollar business with 20 employees as well as interns from Seeger and Benton Central is an asset to the County and drainage could help with the current situation.
 - h. New Server and UPS Battery Backup quotes – Weston-Hubner, Auditor presented quotes from Axxess PC for server and UPS upgrades. The first quote for 20 UPS backups is \$2,502.00. The current server is 5 years old and has been having issues. The server quote is for \$15,825.17. Weston-Hubner explained if this would be approved, the work can be done July 5th as the courthouse is closed. Rusty Hart, Sheriff questioned the amount of equipment in the jail boiler room where the server is located. The amount of equipment as well as the heat could be an issue. After much discussion, Jordan will inquire about the stated concerns and table for a later meeting.
 - i. Vacating of 450W located off of 3rd St west of West Lebanon by Mark and Carolyn Straw – Jordan explained the ordinance. Clay Andrews made a motion to adopt ordinance #2019-0603 for the vacating of 450 W Rd with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - j. ADA Consulting– Barce explained the consultant works with ADA compliance for the County as well as in order to qualify for grants, we need to be ADA compliant. Items that need to be in place are implementation plan, procedures such as meetings, inventory, audit facilities, accessibility issues, list of times that we need to address, etc. This something that we need to identify and have a written plan to fix. Tim Clark has offered to do an implantation plan for \$2,500 which is cost shared by several entities and Barce to prepare the legal paperwork for \$2,500 as well. The entities include multiple cities in the Benton County and Warren County. Barce explained having a basic framework in place and Clark would consult with the work. The \$5,000 will be divided on a population basis. Before he starts on the documents, the agreement would need to be signed which is a disclosure copy right to work. Jordan stated that the list is over whelming, but this is our first step to implement. A committee will also need to be created. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to sign the ADA Consulting of Indiana agreement with a second from Clay Andrews, all in favor. John Kuiper, former ADA Director, stated that many years ago work was done to be ADA complaint but requirements have changed over the years. Kuiper further explained that there are several items such as door handles being the wrong height, brail signs on wrong side of the doors, etc. that need to be addressed

4. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. Phil Astell, EMA director explained there will be availability to sign up for the Code Red service at the fair next week. Astell stated the internet has been an issue at the EMA building and he would like to resolve this in the near future. Astell informed the Commissioners of a Hazmat Mitigation Plan meeting on June 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the EMA office.
- b. John Kuiper, Zoning Director, stated there will be an APC meeting June 7, 2019.
- c. Rusty Hart, Sheriff, discussed the jail generator that needs repaired. Jordan stated he is contacting the manufacturing representative to see if it can be repaired rather than replaced. Hart inquired about the ordinance for courthouse security protocols stating security measures do not need to be in a public meeting. An executive session will need to be held to discuss the details. Weston-Hubner will email to all department heads the ordinance for feedback. Hart stated there are items that need to be put into place in order to help with security and safety. Hart inquired about the Litzenberger Law Office that is being donated to the County. Barce explained that John Rader, Attorney, will get the documents signed and returned to the County in the near future.
- d. Weston-Hubner informed the Commissioners that Commissioner Bennett from the DLFG will be meeting with the Assessor, Auditor and Treasurer on June 4th from 11:30-12:00.

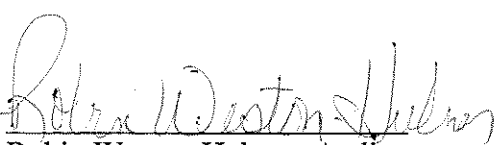
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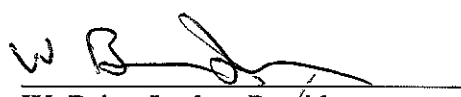
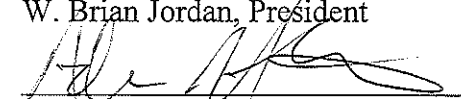
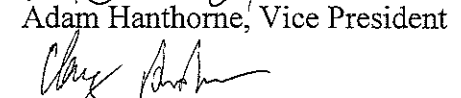
6. Public Comment:

- a. Charity Shettle, County Resident, stated that the ADA compliance has been needed for years. The hearing equipment purchased, as Kuiper had not helped her with this issue, has been helpful and thanked the Commissioners for purchasing equipment. Shettle stated safety in the courthouse is an issue that signage will not help and the possibility of employees being trained with firearms might be a good if the employees choose to be trained. Kuiper explained that the ADA has been a concern for year but the State had not placed importance on this until recently. This is an unfunded mandate from the State and the County must fund the ADA compliance. Kuiper further explained that previously the State required an ADA Director, but no other mandates.
- b. Weston-Hubner stated that settlement is completed and the fire protection that each township collects through taxes was given to the Commissioners. Hanthorne stated the fire departments are looking at a fire territory for the County to save funds.
- c. Barce explained the Jordan Creek Windfarm would like to meet with the Commissioner between June 24 – July 3. Barce stated the issue in Foster has not had any changes. Barce inquired about the burning portion of the Trash Ordinance that had previously discussed. Jordan stated that he has discussed a town cleanup with Independence and there are concerns that a cleanup would not be done by some of the residences. Discussion on an ordinance that is enforceable for trash on property or vehicles sitting was discussed. Kuiper stated that the Pence cleanup had a good community working together but other communities are lacking this. Jordan would like to amend the ordinance to add fines.
- d. Jordan explained the Council approved the purchase of 2 auto pulse units and a monitor by the EMS. Jordan explained the auto pulse will provide CPR for up to 35 mins on first battery and 3 batteries come with the units. Hanthorne stated that the approximate time to ER in Lafayette is 40 minutes and currently the ambulance would have to stop in trade off EMT/Paramedic. Jordan presented a quote for 2 auto pulse and 1 new monitor with a trade in in the amount of \$61,458.96. Discussion was held on where to take the funds from such as economic development or public safety fund. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to purchase all 3 items from Economic Development Fund with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
- e. Rusty Hart, Sheriff informed the Commissioners that the first quarter revenue for housing inmates is twice what the generator quote is for. The funds go back into the County General each month. Jordan inquired about funds that are paid to the Highway for selling of culverts where it goes back to. Weston-Hubner explained that the funds go back to the Highway Fund. Weston-Hubner will look into the prisoner reimburse fund. This fund would allow the Sheriff to use the funds for repairs.
- f. Charity Shettle inquired about the meeting with the Jordan Creek Windfarm. Shettle reminded the Commissioners that if there is more than 1 commissioner at a meeting then it would be an official meeting. Jordan stated that is correct.

Next Commissioner will be held June 17, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business Clay Andrews made a motion to adjourn with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

ATTEST: 
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


W. Brian Jordan, President

Adam Hanthorne, Vice President

Clay Andrews